Passenger Transportation Bulletin

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The Passenger Transportation Bulletin is published weekly on the web site of the Passenger Transportation Board. Printed copies are available directly from the Passenger Transportation Board at the address above.

The PT Bulletin gives notice of the applications for special authorization that have been received by the Board, the determinations the Board makes on those applications, as well as appeals from enforcement orders of the Registrar of Passenger Transportation. Board Advisories may also be published in the PT Bulletin to update the public and commercial passenger transportation industry of Board initiatives and rules.
Industry Advisory

Taxicab Rates under the Passenger Transportation Act

The Passenger Transportation Board, established under the new provincial Passenger Transportation Act (PTA), has authority to approve or set rates charged by persons operating taxis in British Columbia. Operators must operate vehicles in compliance with rates approved or set by the Board.

In October 2004, the Board will be permitting taxi operators to request a fare increase of up to 8.77 percent on current rates. This increase is based on the Board’s Taxi Cost Index (TCI), a tool designed to assess rate increases based on objective measures.

Components of the TCI are: Wages (31%); fuel (19%); insurance (14%) and Consumer Price Index (37%). The Consumer Price Index weighting is adjusted to 80% of the 37% to encourage business efficiencies and reduce duplication of fuel costs.

The last TCI was implemented by the former Motor Carrier Commission in 2002 based on cost differences between 2000 and 2001. It allowed for an increase of 3.34%. The present TCI is based on cost differences between 2001 and 2003. Fuel and insurance costs have increased the most, while wages have remained relatively stable and the consumer price index has increased slightly.

The Board’s Rule on the TCI and process of requesting a TCI rate increase is posted on the Board web site and available from the Board office. If you would like more information, please phone or e-mail the Passenger Transportation Board.
Part 1: Applications Received

Applications in which special authorization is sought are published in Part 1 of the PT Bulletin. To see a more detailed summary of the application, click on the application number.

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| 1621-04     | LAVALLE, Sally | Application for New Passenger Transportation Licence with Special Authorization: To operate as a Passenger Directed Vehicle:  
1 vehicle that accommodates a driver plus not more than 6 passengers.  
Transportation of passengers originating from the District of New Hazelton, Village of Hazelton, South Hazelton, Old Hazelton, Kispiox Valley, Glen Vowell, Kispiox Village, Gitsequkia, Kitiwanga, Gitanyow, Morricetown, Hagwilget, Two Mile.  
Transportation of passengers may terminate at any point in the City of Terrace, the Town of Smithers, the District of New Hazelton, Village of Hazelton, South Hazelton, Old Hazelton, Kispiox Valley, Glen Vowell, Kispiox Village, Gitsequkia, Kitiwanga, Gitanyow, Morricetown, Hagwilget, Two Mile.  
Return trips of the same passenger or group of passengers if pre-arranged. | October 7, 2004 |
| 1523-04     | CHHARAHHAN, Harmeet Singh | Application for New Passenger Transportation Licence with Special Authorization: To operate as a Passenger Directed Vehicle:  
3 vehicles can accommodate a driver and not more than 5 passengers  
Transportation of passengers may originate from any point within 26 road kilometers of the Town of Fort Nelson.  
Transportation of passengers may terminate at any point within 26 road kilometers of the Town of Fort Nelson, Fort St. John, Dawson Creek and beyond the British Columbia/Northwest Territories border when engaged in an extra-provincial undertaking. | October 7, 2004 |
| 1569-04     | MEDCALFE, Alfred Allan | Application for New Passenger Transportation Licence with Special Authorization: To operate as a Passenger Directed Vehicle:  
12 vehicles can accommodate a driver and not less than 5 passengers and not more than 8 passengers.  
Transportation of passengers may originate from any point in License District 21 north of Farmington, south of Prespatou.  
Transportation of passengers may terminate at any point in British Columbia and beyond the British Columbia/Alberta border when engaged in an extra-provincial undertaking. | October 7, 2004 |
MUNDAY, Ricky Louis
Fredrick
Westbank BC
Dbx Rickshaw Errand & Shuttling Services

Application for New Passenger Transportation Licence with Special Authorization:
To operate as a Passenger Directed Vehicle:
• 1 vehicle that can accommodate a driver and not more than 6 passengers.
• Transportation of passengers may originate from any point in the towns of Winfield, Westbank, Westside, Rutland, Mission, Peachland, Big White, and the City of Kelowna.
• Transportation of passengers may terminate at any point in the towns of Winfield, Westbank, Westside, Rutland, Mission, Peachland, Big White, and the City of Kelowna.

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MC KEE, Craig Wallace
Revelstoke BC
dba Revelstoke Printing Co.

Application for New Passenger Transportation Licence with Special Authorization:
To operate as a Passenger Directed Vehicle:
• 1 vehicle that can accommodate a driver and not more than 11 passengers.
• Transportation of passengers may originate from any point in Revelstoke.
• Transportation of passengers may terminate at any point in British Columbia and beyond the British Columbia border when engaged in an extra-provincial undertaking.

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Submissions:

Any person may make a submission on an application to the Passenger Transportation Board. All submissions must be:
• in writing
• accompanied by a $50 fee (cheques payable to the Minister of Finance)
• received at the Passenger Transportation Board office in Victoria by 4:30 p.m. within 15 days of the date the application is published.

The Passenger Transportation Act requires the Board to consider applications in light of the following considerations:

(a) whether there is a public need for the service the applicant proposes to provide under any special authorization;
(b) whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to provide that service and is capable of providing that service; and
(c) whether the application, if granted, would promote sound economic conditions in the passenger transportation business in British Columbia.

The Board will give more weight to submissions that relate to the above considerations. Submissions considered by the Board are forwarded to the applicant who may, within 10 days of the date sent by the Board, reply by providing comments to the Board.
Part 2: Application Decisions

Board decisions on applications for special authorization are published in Part 2 of the PT Bulletin. To see a more detailed summary of the application, click on the application number.

None

Part 3: Hearing Notices

None

Part 4: Appeal Determinations

None

Part 5: Decisions Whether Application for General Authorization Requires Special Authorization

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<td>SN Transport Ltd. Vancouver BC</td>
<td>The Board has reviewed the material and determined, based on the information and clarification</td>
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<td>provided by SNTL, that, at this time, application 1211/04 does not require special authorization.</td>
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<td>1000-04</td>
<td>Rocky Mountain Discount Travel Ltd.</td>
<td>The service applied for appears to meet all the components of a scheduled service:</td>
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<td>Vancouver, BC</td>
<td>• It will operate on a set time schedule</td>
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<td>• Fares are on a per person or individual basis</td>
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<td>• The service is over a regular route, i.e. Vancouver to Banff/Lake Louise/Calgary</td>
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<td>• It will operate between fixed terminating points</td>
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<td>Special authorization is required for application 1000-04.</td>
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